Terminology

Knowing the following terms may help you understand situations and concepts presented in *Trauma Center: Under the Knife 2*. Please note, however, that these definitions should under no circumstances be referred to as an authority on medical procedures or practices.

Autotransplantation

Often abbreviated as "autografting," this is the process of taking skin from a healthy area of the body in order to repair an area that has been burned or otherwise damaged.

Caduceus

An international medical organization that studies and treats intractable diseases. It has many international branches, as well as several across the United States. The game's protagonist, Derek Stiles, is an employee of one such branch.

Cholelithiasis

The presence of gallstones in the gallbladder.

CT (Computed Tomography) Scan

A medical imaging method that generates a three-dimensional image from a series of two-dimensional x-rays.

Department of Health and Human Services

A US Government organization dedicated to providing high quality health care at low cost and with minimal hassle, through a variety of services and programs. In Trauma Center, it is headed by Secretary James Pierce.

Enteritis

An infection that causes the small intestine to become inflamed. It is often a food-borne illness.

GIST (Gastrointestinal stromal tumor)

A type of tumor found in the gastrointestinal tract.

GUILT (Gangliated Utrophin Immuno Latency Toxin)

A man-made virus engineered by the terrorist group, Delphi. Their plans to use it for bioterrorism were thwarted by the international organization, Caduceus, three years ago.

Hemorrhage

The medical term for bleeding.

Laceration

The medical term for a wound in which the skin is torn, cut, or punctured.

Pericardium

The double-walled sac that contains the heart.

Polyp

Any kind of abnormal growth of tissue on a membrane. They may also be classified as tumors.

Vitals

A combined reading of a patient's blood pressure, pulse, and other life signs. It indicates whether or not the patient is still alive. In this game, it is displayed as a number ranging from 0 to 99.

Zoonosis

A disease that can be transmitted from animals to humans.